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(57) Abstract The present invention discloses sphingoid base derivatives which are salts of a sphingoid base. These salts have a substantially increased solubility in an aqueous environment and display an increased efficacy in compositions for topical use.			